

Military Munitions Response Program Site Inspection
Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas
TPP 3 Meeting Minutes
7 December 2006
10:00 a.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST)

The 7 December 2006 Technical Project Planning (TPP) phone teleconference for the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) Site Inspection (SI) for Fort Bliss, El Paso, TX was conducted by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Omaha District, the United States Army Environmental Command (USAEC) and engineering-environmental Management, Inc. (e²M).

Introduction

All TPP meeting attendees identified themselves as present for the phone conference. Please see attached sheet for attendees contact information. Mr. Joe Slattery, USACE, Omaha District and Mr. Travis McCoun, US Army Environmental Command (USAEC) opened the meeting with an introduction about the MMRP.

TPP 3 Briefing

The TPP 3 briefing was presented by Dr. Lance Hines, e²M. The briefing presented the progress of the MMRP SI process and the action items for completion for Fort Bliss. An Adobe Acrobat file copy of the presentation was provided to attendees in an email.

During the presentation, the team asked questions and discussed the MMRP SI process as it related to Fort Bliss. The comments and discussion are described below.

- Mr. McCoun, USAEC, summarized the findings of the Fort Bliss Draft SI Report stating enough existing data is present to recommend further characterization by an RI/FS for the Castner Range. All stakeholders concurred. Mr. McCoun also stated no boundary footprint reductions of the Castner Range would occur during the SI as more quantifiable data is required to make boundary reduction recommendations. Dr. Hines also mentioned these range boundary adjustments will depend on the future land use of the various portions of Castner Range.
- Mr. Allan Posnick, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), expressed concern that the Conceptual Site Model or CSM identified surface soil as 0-2 feet, whereas TCEQ considers surface soil down to 5 feet. He asked if this could be revised. Mr. McCoun explained that although this could be done, since this CSM is only a representation of exposure it is not part of a risk assessment and that TCEQ's concerns would be addressed in a follow-on investigation which would include all of the Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs) as part of a risk assessment. Mr. Posnick concurred.

- Mr. Posnick pointed out that the highest levels of munitions constituents (MC) were not used in the development of the Munitions Response Program-Prioritization Protocol (MRS-PP) score and were compared to EPA values not Texas Risk Reduction Program (TRRP) Rule. Ms. Courtney Ingersoll of e²M stated the comparison values would be revised to reflect the TRRP Tier 1 values. Dr. Hines added although there were higher levels in the a OB/OD pit, the contaminated soils in this area were removed and may not be representative of the Munition Response Site (MRS) or Castner Range as a whole. He also stated taking samples at the Castner Range may result in no concentrations of MC being found which would underestimate the potential for MC exposure. Following further discussion a consensus was reached these values would be evaluated with respect to any significant changes in the scoring.
- Ms Elza Cushing of Fort Bliss asked about the feasibility of dividing the Castner Range into defined areas which could be addressed individually. Mr McCoun responded that although this was very possible, it was not within the scope of the SI at this time but would be more appropriately addressed in the follow-on investigation and or remedial alternatives evaluation. Ms. Ingersoll added that it was not unusual to separate out individual MRSs within a Munition Response Area (Area) and this may very well be done in the next phase.
- A discussion was held concerning the plans for immediate action at the Castner Range MRS including additional fencing and signage in high risk areas. Initially it was suggested the plan of where and how much fencing was needed was to be developed and included in the SI report. Mr. Ron Baca of Fort Bliss indicated that they have identified areas for fencing and have been developing the plan. However, Mr. McCoun pointed out that it was generally not USAEC policy to add such detail at this stage of the SI process since these details were subject to change and that would be better worked out independently of the SI report. A consensus was reached with the attendees that this detailed information of the immediate response action would not be included in the report, only that the recommendation indicated that it was necessary.

A consensus was reached with the stakeholders that the recommendations of the SI Report of an immediate response to include additional fencing and signage at the Castner Range MRS in high risk areas and that the Castner Range MRS should move forward to a Further Investigation or RI/FS phase was appropriate.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM MST.

Action Items

Item	Responsible Party	Suspense
Comments on Draft HRR/SI Report to be emailed to Ron Baca and Lance Hines	Allan Posnick, TCEQ	15 Dec 2006
Incorporate Comments and Submit Final SI Document	e ² M	29 Dec 2006 or as soon as practical upon receipt of TCEQ comments.

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